

HOW ABOUT FIRE PROTECTION?---THINK IT OVER! THE WESTERN LIBERAL

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OFFICIALS HERE TO INVESTIGATE OBJECTION

A coterie of prominent railroad, corporation commission and express officials were in Lordsburg Saturday conferring with local wholesalers of liquors in Arizona regarding an objection filed with the state corporation commission to hold trains here long enough to load liquor consignments for Arizona personal use.

Trains are scheduled to stop here eight minutes and it takes practically that length of time to unload goods with but a minute or two to load on the outgoing shipments. As a result No. 1 and No. 9 have left here many times without accepting all the express.

The officials have been very considerate with the local shippers and are taking the matter into advisement.

Those present at the mediation meeting Saturday were: Superintendent J. W. Fitzgerald, Julius Kruttschnitt, Hughie Williams, state corporation commission chairman, Mr. Cox of the Wells Fargo El Paso office, Roy B. Cutler, Otto Rens, Mr. Graham, local S. P. agent and Lordsburg shippers.

It is likely that the difficulty encountered will soon be removed as a result of this mediation.

BIG DOINGS FOR COWBOYS.

At Tucumcari, N. M. on October 3, 4 and 5th there will be a big rodeo. Over \$2500 in cash prizes is being offered for the best riders, ropers, etc., and Tucumcari expects to make the affair one of the best entertainments ever staged in New Mexico.

Any of the local cowboys or prize horse owners who desire further particulars of the big celebration, the Western Liberal will be glad to supply details.

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REPUBLICAN SITUATION

Frank W. Velacott, well known Grant county attorney and prominent Republican leader, was here Monday on legal business and going over the national, state and county situation with local Republicans.

Mr. Velacott is confident of a general republican landslide in every way and he believes the strongest county ticket ever launched by the Republican cans of Grant county will carry from top to bottom.

STAR THEATER BEGINS BIG SERIAL

On Tuesday night of this week the Star theater began the big Universal serial picture "Peg O' The Ring" and from the first episode the feature promises to be the best ever shown here. The last of the "Mystery of Myra" was the other Tuesday night attraction which packed the house.

Those enjoying the best of thrillers and gripping pictures would not miss the "Peg O' The Ring" Tuesday nights. Seating capacity has been added to the theatre to accommodate the Saturday night crowds when the "Stingaree" is shown. Those coming this week may expect to be seated. Last week even standing room was at a premium.

PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Miss Harvey, one of the High School teachers, entertained the lady teachers of the faculty at the cozy home of Mrs. Wells last Saturday evening. Each young lady was requested to come early, bring her thimble and fancy work and stay late. The ladies met at 8 o'clock and wielded needles and thimbles, much crochet, French embroidery, etc., being in evidence, until 10 o'clock when Miss Harvey was seen to cast aside her crochet and needle and reach for the chafing dish and began preparing a most palatable welch rabbit. The teachers, seeing this, cast aside all fancy work and with keen appetites soon caused the rabbit, grape juice and wafers to disappear. A most delightful time was reported. Mrs. Wells, Misses Ross, and Marshall accepted invitation to join the happy throng of teachers for the evening.

CASH TO RUN INDEPENDENTLY

It is reported from Clifton that Sheriff James G. Cash is to make another race for the sheriff's office of Greenlee county, Ariz. Saturday he filed his papers with the clerk of the board of supervisors, as an independent candidate in the coming election.

WANTED—District Agent wanted to sell Life, Accident and Health Insurance combined in one policy. We can make exceedingly attractive offer to the right man. Whole or part time. Apply—Occidental Life Insurance Co., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

LAND OFFICE NEWS

VISITS LAS CRUCES LAND OFFICE

The local United States commissioner was a visitor at the Las Cruces land office the last of the week looking into the status of several entries, making a few traps and getting acquainted with the efficient and courteous "force" of the land office for this district.

John L. Burnside, the receiver, who is formerly of Silver City and widely known throughout the southwest, is in charge of the registering of the transactions before the land office, and S. P. Ascarate, a well known Dona Ana county resident, is receiver of the moneys of the office. N. C. Cross, A. T. Johnson and Mrs. L. K. Llewellyn compose the efficient and well versed clerical staff of the land office. Mr. Cross is in charge of the money receipts, mineral applications, land sales, etc. Mr. Johnson acts on contests, final proofs, posting on tract and serial register books. Mrs. Llewellyn attends to general correspondence and assists in the sundry capacities, all of which require expert attention—and surely receive it.

The work of the office is carried on in a most systematic yet simple manner and no little pains is extended in keeping up the multitudinous requirements of the government, by the officials of the office.

Map work is done by Miss V. N. Ascarate and Mr. J. B. Brockman who give this their entire attention. To a layman the compilation of a map showing lands entered, names of claimants, etc., in the average township is no little work. There are no maps to copy from as one may believe, but the compiler uses the tract book, marking on the plot, section by section, the land entered, (each section a page on the tract book). Maps purchased at the price set by the government are well worth the money.

NEWS FOR 320

ACRE HOMESTEADERS

The Western Liberal is in receipt of the following communication from John L. Burnside, register of the Las Cruces land office, relative to applications for 320 acre homesteads where petitions for designation have been filed:

"Replying to your letter of September 10th will say that it takes considerable time to get action on petitions for designation on lands under the 320 acre homestead act. We have cases filed May, 1915 which have not yet been acted upon. This office will notify the applicant of all action taken upon the application and petition for designation."

Petitioners are also advised that the geological survey at Washington investigates the designation of 320 acre lands and reports on the tracts before the application is allowed.

ADVICE TO HOMESTEADERS.

While in Las Cruces last week the local United States Commissioner obtained a number of copies of the latest edition of "Advice to Homesteaders" published by the government and giving the text of all the late homestead and purchase laws. A copy will be sent free to any person desiring one.

Fire Totally Destroys

Scott Garage

Blaze Sweeps Thru Big Garage Twelve Cars Reduced To Ashes Loss About \$20,000

One of the most destructive fires in the history of Lordsburg swept through the Scott garage at the corner of Railroad Ave., and Main street, Tuesday night at 11 o'clock, reducing the building and contents to ashes within an hour's time. Twelve automobiles were in the garage at the time of the fire and all were totally destroyed. Beside the automobiles there was a new shipment of tires and casings, a \$3,000 stock of accessories and automobile parts, oxygen welding plant, machine shop, office fixtures and books and the possessions of several employees.

The blaze was discovered at 10:45 p. m. by an employee of the garage who was returning from his lunch. Flames were then devouring the rear end or work-shop part of the building. The man rushed into the building and awakened Eugene Montague, one of the owners of the garage, and Earle Lambert, an expert mechanic, both sleeping in the front part of the building. They scantly dressed and rushed into the store room where the cars were put up for the night. Mr. Montague succeeded in getting one car out of the building and Mr. Lambert was burned while rescuing a \$6,000 Spa racing car. Both men dashed back into the garage in an effort to save more cars and at least the account books but by this time the flames had enveloped the full 200 feet length of the building. Like blasts from a furnace the blaze attacked the cars, oil tanks—on front to the office and to the gasoline tanks. It was impossible to get within ten feet of the building and all parts of the garage were in a mass of flames. By the time an alarm was sounded the place was beyond control and burned to the ground without so much as a drop of water being played on the blaze.

S. M. Chase, who was first to reach the fire, saved the Ford truck of the Eagle Drug Mercantile Company, which was outside the building. Other willing workers were present to aid whenever needed but nothing could be done to retard the fire or save anything within the building. The cars in the garage which were totally destroyed were: New White touring car, Thomas Lyons of Gila, N. M., owner. Value \$6,000. Cadillac touring car, Earle Lambert, owner. Ford touring car, Dr. Williams. Ford touring car, "Spook" Burke. Grant "Six", owner, transient. Overland touring car, owner, transient. Overland touring car, owner, Ramon Campos. Studebaker "4", owner, A. Roderiquez.

The Scott garage had three cars of their own, which were being rebuilt, in the machine shop. These were also burned to ashes. The account books, cash register, and all office supplies were reduced to a crisp. Two full tanks of gasoline which were outside the building were rescued. Late until Wednesday a

blaze hovered over the oil tanks in the garage.

The origin of the fire is still unaccounted for. It is certain that the blaze began in the work-shop but from what source, never has been determined.

The Scott Garage has suffered a loss of over \$10,000, the property and contents being only partially insured owing to the extreme high rate on the place. The building and supplies were all owned by N. J. Scott and Eugene Montague.

Mr. Scott was in Los Angeles at the time of the fire. He was notified by wire and arrived home Thursday morning.

Messrs. Scott and Montague had just succeeded, by hard work, to get their business on a paying basis. For two years they had labored hard in getting a modern work-shop and a full line of supplies and accessories and were well on the road to success when the disastrous fire came. The efforts of two years were reduced to ashes in twenty minutes.

In November Mr. Scott suffered the loss of his household goods when his residence, north of the S. P. tracks, burned.

It is likely that Scott and Montague will rebuild their garage at once.

WILL PREACH LAST

SERMON HERE SUNDAY

Rev. W. S. Huggett will preach his last sermons here in the Methodist church Sunday morning and evening, preceding the expiration of his charge at this place where he has been for the past four years, and according to the ruling of the Methodist church will have to be transferred to another place following the conference.

Rev. Huggett has been sincere and conscientious in his good work in Lordsburg and has many friends who regret his departure. For four years he has labored in this field building up the church to its largest enrollment since its foundation. He has also done a good work at the 85 mine camp where he established a Sunday school and would preach on Sunday afternoons.

An able assistant to Rev. Huggett has been his wife. Several months ago Mrs. Huggett sustained a fractured hip which has confined her to her bed since that time but she is improving slowly and before many months will be able to walk again. Miss Lillian Huggett has also been a valuable worker in the church but is now located in El Paso where she is a teacher in the new El Paso High School.

LORDSBURG MEN SENTENCED.

B. Moreno, Lordsburg merchant who was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, by the petit jury, was sentenced to 18 months to three years in the penitentiary by Judge Nebbett. Manuel Varila, who pleaded guilty to the theft of J. L. Augustine's automobile, was sent to the penitentiary for from one to two years.

J. M. Douglas, the man who shot a Mexican here on Labor Day, was given 18 months to three years in the penitentiary.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS

As all our books were destroyed in the fire of Tuesday night we will appreciate it greatly if those owing us would settle accounts as soon as possible or be so kind as to notify us of indebtedness.

FIRE! FIRE! FIRE!

Two disastrous fires within a week! One more is due—it has never failed.

Will your place be next? Are you giving fire protection any thought?

Is there not among us some public spirited citizen who would assist in the circulating of a subscription list for the purchase of a reel of hose and a small chemical cart? Will not someone join the Western Liberal in a campaign for fire protection?

There isn't a citizen in town today who would not contribute liberally for the purchase of fire apparatus. If we can't have protection as an incorporated town we can have it as good citizens.

The Western Liberal will offer a place for the storage of any fire apparatus. Other persons on the main street will do the same. We can have hose where it can be secured in a few minutes time and taken to any fire-plug in town. The cost will be small. All that is needed is impetus to the movement.

The fires of this week are merely indications of fires that are yet to come. Fire is Lordsburg's greatest menace. What will YOU do about it? It is up to YOU.

MINES AND MINING

BONNEY MINE MAKES PROGRESS.

The unwatering of the Bonney mine has been completed and the company is now about to begin breaking ore on the fourth level.

This work was started several weeks ago and excellent progress has been made. When operations were suspended some months ago the company had just cut a ledge of some of the highest grade ore ever encountered in this camp but when the station was cut a heavy flow of water prevented further progress. Adequate pumping machinery is now installed and the water is being taken care of while mining is done.

The Bonney mine is certain to become one of the highest grade and best paying propositions in the camp.

LORDSBURG COMPANY INCORPORATES

The Otto Mining and Milling Company, of which Win. Davis is manager, has filed articles of incorporation which are published in this issue of the Western Liberal.

The Otto company is doing some of the largest development work in the camp, having let a contract to the Wright Bros., of Bisbee, Ariz., for the sinking of a 500 foot shaft at their Lee's peak mine. The Wright brothers are making all expediency in getting the shaft down and are employing a large number of men.

This week a fine new steam hoist was received here by the Otto company and taken to their property where it has been installed.

President Wilson's alarm clock is ringing at 5 o'clock these mornings. He can reach out of bed and turn it off the morning of March 3.

Read the LIBERAL ads this week.

New Shipment Of Ready to Wear CLOTHES

Styleplus Famous \$17 Suits
Capp's Clothes at \$15 to \$25
King's Pants, Fall Shipment

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REAL FARMERS ARE INVITED

International Farm Congress is Open
Forum for Practical Men

The greatest agricultural school the world ever saw is composed of the annual sessions of the International Farm Congress (the Dry-Farming Congress) and the International Soil-Products Exposition, which is staged, also annually, by the Farm Congress. These events will be held this year at El Paso, Texas, the Exposition dates being October 14-24, and the Congress sessions October 18, 20, 21.

The program of the Congress sessions always includes addresses, many of them illustrated, by the leading farmers and agricultural experts and investigators in the world. It is, moreover, a real farmers' forum, and there is ample time allotted to discussion, in which any accredited delegate or member is free to participate. These discussions always arouse intense and widespread interest, and bring out facts of the greatest importance. There is nothing dull or prosy about them.

A Great Government Exhibit. The Exposition is unlike anything ever before attempted. Here the visitor may see the very cream of the products of many states, arranged by expert hands, every item in every exhibit carrying its lesson in better agriculture, and all planned to secure the highest possible educational value. The United States government and the various states have spent many millions of dollars in the last few years by way of experiments in agriculture and allied pursuits. The results of these experiments are assembled for this Exposition, and for it only, at large expense, and arranged in most convenient and striking form for the benefit of all who attend. At no other time or place in the history of the world has such a wealth of valuable and interesting information relating to agriculture ever been collected, or made so easy of access and understanding. The samples, models, charts and other object lessons built and shown by the Department of Agriculture and the various federal and state experiment stations constitute within themselves an exhibition which it will pay any progressive farmer to travel far to see and study.

It has been well said that this Congress and Exposition comprise "the farmers' own show." Certainly any farmer or stockman should be able to derive very great benefits, as well as entertainment, by attending it.

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